

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 and 5-8, please cancel claim 4 and please add new claim 9 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A device for storing bags, having

a winding-up roller (1),

a drive for the winding-up the roller (1),

a roll (2) which is arranged on the winding-up roller (1) for unwinding in a direction opposite a winding-up direction and which comprises at least one film web and stacks (5) of bags arranged thereon, such that

the openings of the bags are arranged to face at to the front, as seen the bags are unwound in the unwinding direction.

2. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bags are arranged in an imbricated overlapping manner.

3. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the imbrication overlapping is formed such that the leading edge of each bag is edges of the bags are located beneath the respectively preceding bag stack in the unwinding direction.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bags, in the have a front region of adjacent their opening for gripping, have a tab provided with holes.

6. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the unwound film web is guided over a deflecting roller (6).

7. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4 5, having a gripping means (7) for gripping the front region of the a bag in the strack (5) for transfer to a feed means for a packaging machine.

8. (Currently amended) A method for storing bags on a interim basis, wherein the bags, combined to form stacks (5), are wound up with the aid of at least one film (3) such that their open sides are oriented face forwardly, as seen in the unwinding direction.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the bags are wound up with their longitudinal seams running perpendicular to a direction of winding for the bags.